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Bissonnette-Garrison Bridal



(Arthur Johnson Photo)

MRS. DONNIE L. GARRISON
nee Coral S. A. Bissonnette

Married Saturday, Nov. 23, in St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church, Agawam was Miss Coral Sandra Ann Bissonnette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred H. Bissonnette of 21 Mulberry St., Agawam, to Donnie Lee Garrison of Purty, Mo., son of Mrs. Clara Garrison of Kansas City, Mo., and the late Fred Garrison. The Rev. Paul Bernard officiated at the marriage ceremony.

The bride wore a gown designed in empire silhouette by Alfred Angelo of candlelight

peau de soie and hand clipped Alencon lace. She carried a cascade arrangement of candlelight white roses and greens.

Mrs. Peter Cecchi, Jr., was her cousin's honor attendant. She was costumed in an empire style gown designed by Victor of willow green silk chiffon over peau.

Identically attired were the bridesmaids, Mrs. Albert Cecchi and Miss Brenda Cecchi, cousins of the bride, and Mrs. James Sacavino. The attendants carried cascade bouquets of pink carnations. (Please Turn To Page 4)

Junior Women's Club To Join World-Wide Crusade On Hunger

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club have pledged themselves to join a world-wide

crusade on hunger.

According to club president Mrs. Herbert Carpenter, the two-year program, carried out through CARE by the Junior Membership of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be directed toward helping needy people of the world develop the ability to grow their own food.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is joining hundreds of thousands of Women's Club members throughout the country to supplement the efforts of people in many nations to develop the ability to grow their own food. For example, our funds will help to build a farms-to-market road in Liberia, support food preservation projects in Turkey, and provide agricultural tools for small farmers in Hong Kong and Korea.

In other aspects of the CARE program they will send seeds and tools for school garden programs in Sierra Leone and Ecuador, and livestock and farm equipment for training centers in Honduras and Tunisia.

Mrs. Louis Mercadante, International Affairs chairman, will

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Valley Church Men's Club Pancake Brunch Sunday

The Men's Club of the Valley Community Church will hold a Pancake Brunch Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11:15 to 12:30 in the Church Hall, immediately following the morning service.

Tickets are available through any member of the Men's Club or reservations may be made by calling the Church Office—734-7754 any time after 6 p. m. It is headed up by Richard Willett, chairman and committee members Gilbert Bowden, Benjamin Fish, Jr., Ronald Hastie, Alfred Ingalls, John Lang, Harold Light, John MacPherson, Thomas Neill, Roger Nelson, Albert Nichols and Richard Orr.

Also Charles Provenzano, Leonard Rising, Christy Seriva, Arthur Stanwell, Richard Taylor and Nicholas Sypteras. This will be the first of several brunches to be held by next June.

Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday

The annual Christmas tree lighting at the Agawam Center Library will be held this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8th at 4. The ceremony, sponsored by the Agawam Women's Club, is under the direction of the Community Betterment Committee. Mrs. Raymond Orr is chairman assisted by Mrs. Richard Brindle.

The program will open with the invocation given by the Rev. Frank Dunn, minister of Valley Community Church. Community singing of Christmas Carols will be led by master of ceremonies, Thomas Rudderforth, accompanied by accordionist, David Peruse. The benediction will be given by the Rev. John Tyler, vicar of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Following the program, Santa (David Curran) will arrive by firetruck to distribute Christmas lollipops to the children.

W. Gentry To Manage Local Western Bank Branch Office

Mr. Warren Gentry of 19 Norman Ter., Feeding Hills, has been appointed manager of the Feeding Hills Branch of the Western Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Gentry, who joined the Western Bank at their main office in West Springfield during August of 1965, is married to the former Priscilla Tardibono of West Springfield. They have one son, six-month old Joseph.

Besides active membership in the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks No. 2174 and in the American Institute of Banking, Mr. Gentry is also studying for further degrees in Business Administration by attending American International College Evening Division courses.

This third branch office of the Western Bank, located in the new

Village Shops area at the Feeding Hills Center, is the only commercial bank in Feeding Hills.

The opening which took place on Tuesday, Nov. 26, was highlighted by a visit from the Aga-



WARREN GENTRY
(Charles DuBois Hodges)

wam Board of Selectmen, who welcomed the Western Bank to the Community.

Everyone visiting the new facility during the first two weeks of its opening celebration will have an opportunity to enter their names in a drawing for gifts. Without obligation, everyone is eligible to fill out one of—
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Post Office To Provide Christmas Mailing Kits

Postmaster Robert R. Deforge of the Agawam Post Office said today that local letter carriers will start delivering a special Christmas kit to each home this Friday.

This Christmas kit contains six types of labels for individual Christmas card tie-ins. The six printed labels of different colors are for Agawam, Feeding Hills, West Springfield, Springfield, Mixed Massachusetts, and out-of-state mails. Extra free labels are available on the desk in the Post Office lobby.

The Postmaster will appreciate the cooperation of all patrons, and urges them to use these labels as directed, to mail early and in the morning, to tie labels securely around mail, to face addresses all one way and to use ZIP Code.

Local Charity Guild Yule Meeting Dec. 10

Agawam Guild, Holy Family League of Charity will hold its annual Christmas dinner and party on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Storowton Inn. A social hour at 6:30 will precede the dinner at 7:30. Invocation at the dinner will be given by Rev. Pierce Power, chaplain at Farren Memorial Hospital, Turners Falls, who will be guest speaker. Mrs. Charles Tyler, president, will preside at a brief business meeting.

Mrs. C. J. Lothrop and Mrs. Richard Tufts are serving as co-chairmen of the Christmas event. Miss Josephine Lango, financial secretary, will report on the annual check sent to Holy Family League of Charity realized from projects conducted by members. An exchange of Christmas gifts will be held with Mrs. Cyril Bol-due and Mrs. Francis Rosso as chairmen; community Christmas carol singing will conclude the night's program under the direction of Mrs. Paul D'Amato.

Reservations should be made prior to Dec. 6 by contacting Mrs. Lathrop or Mrs. Tufts. Transportation to the meeting may be arranged by contacting Mrs. Roger Poirier or Mrs. Thomas Danford.

NOTICE Golden Age Club Members

There will be no regular meeting of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Dec. 11th as the club is having their Christmas Party at St. Ann's Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will be held the 18th of Dec. at our usual meeting place, 1 p.m. A dance recital program will be given by the pupils of Mary Ann's Dance Studio.

ETTA STETSON, Sec'y

St. John's Church Christmas Bazaar At Junior High Saturday



Appearing in the picture above are Mrs. Richard Gingras, co-chairman of St. John's Bazaar, Mrs. Philippe Raiche, co-chairman of the Young Shoppers Booth, Mrs. Gustave Benoit, co-chairman of the Attie Treasures Booth and Mrs. Thomas McGovern, co-chairman of the Knitting Boutique.

The bazaar will be held in the Agawam Junior High Cafeteria Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9 a. m.

to 5 p. m.

The following committee members will also assist at the various booths: Mrs. Rosemarie Barbieri, Mrs. Theodore Beck, Mrs. Floyd Boyer, Mrs. Mary Brady, Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. James Bussa, Mrs. Nelson Bruno, Mrs. Donald Campbell, Mrs. Edmund Coffey, Mrs. Timothy Collins, Mrs. Douglas Daubney, Mrs. Oliver Dion, Mrs. Roland Fili-

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CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
Junior/Youth Choir Director
Friday—11 a.m.—Service of
Worship at East Longmeadow
Nursing Home; 6:15 p.m.—Bowling
Teams at Westside.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. The Church
at Worship. . . Nursery for in-
fants. . . Church school in ses-
sion; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship
Hour; 6 p.m. Youth Group; 6:45
p.m. Advent Service of Worship.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Nomina-
tions and Personal Committee.

Tuesday—6:10-6:45 p.m. Youth
Choir practice; 6:45-7:30 p.m.
Junior Choir practice.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. San-
ctuary Choir.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor

Thursday — 7 p.m. Cherub
Choir and Senior Choir rehear-
sal.

Friday — 7:30 p.m. Church
School Staff and Board of Re-
ligious Education meeting.

Sunday—10 a.m. Church school
for nursery through 6th grades;
10 a.m. Worship Service; 2nd
Sunday of Advent; 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Music by the Senior
Choir. All are welcome.

Monday—7:30 p.m. Board of
Deacons and Deaconesses meet-
ing in Spear Room.

Sunday evening, Dec. 8th at
7:30 the Feeding Hills Congre-

gational Church Choirs will usher
in the Christmas season. The
program, under the direction of
Mrs. David Meyer, will consist
of carol singing by the Senior
Choir, the Cherub Choir, and au-
dience participating in the more
familiar carols.

In addition to the choir, the
following voices and instrumental
soloists will participate, Ginger
Burr, Kenneth Goodwin, Mrs. Er-
nest Swanson, Randy Nofall,
Billy Earle, Carin Ekstedt, Peter
Meyer, and Mrs. David Meyer.

The Young Peoples Fellowship
group will do the Christmas de-
corations and also furnish the us-
hers for the evening. The Ladies
Benevolent Society will furnish
refreshments at the completion
of the program.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Friday: 7 p.m. Boy Scout
meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Choir rehearsal.

Saturday—8:45 a.m. Inter-
mediate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 Ju-
nior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at
Morning Worship—Mr. Bryan
preaching and Church School for
Nursery thru 6th Grade; 10 a.m.
Church School, 7th Grade thru
12th Grade; 11 a.m. Church at
Morning Worship—Mr. Bryan
preaching and Church School for
Nursery thru 6th Grade; 7:30
p.m. Senior Pilgrim Fellowship
meeting.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior
Choir rehearsal.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30
a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous
Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30
to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
and 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30
p.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30
and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. An-
thony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout
Troop #79 meets in parish hall.

Sunday — 8 a.m.-10:00 a.m.,
Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Eve-
ning prayer and Youth Fellow-
ship.

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Senior
choir practice.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce

Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday — Confessions 4 to
5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30,
11:45 a.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass fol-
lowed by Miraculous Medal No-
vena.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30
and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m.
Mass.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister

Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director

Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary

Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning

Faculty Club Show



The Agawam High School Fac-
ulty Club is presenting a show
entitled "Mowan and Ratin Dis-
cover America." It will take place
Dec. 6th at 8 p.m. in the Freder-
ick T. Dacey Auditorium of the
high school. A varied program of
skits, songs and dances will be
provided with a portion of the
proceeds going towards student
scholarships.

The production is being direct-
ed by Steven LePage with the
club's officers Rudy Altobelli,
president; Mrs. Marjorie Campa-
nella, vice president; John Whal-
ley, treasurer and Miss Geraldine
Schilling, secretary, acting as co-
ordinators.

A recent poster contest was
conducted to advertise the event,
and the winning student entries
were as follows: 1st prize Betty
Kozikowski; 2nd Christine Mer-
chant; and 3rd Carol Goodwin.
Honorable mentions went to
Cathy Mahoney, Cindy Craig,
Diane Dalla Pegorara, and Bren-
da Boldebook. Judges were Miss
Marion Bliss and Werner Stocker
of the faculty.

Winners pictured above with
their posters are left to right:
Carol Goodwin, Christine Mer-
chant, and Betty Kozikowski.

Tickets will be available at the
door.

Worship with sermon: "Chris-
tianity for Today: A Biblical
Proposal for Action"; Sunday
School in Dunn Community Hall.
Visitors are cordially welcome.
6 p.m. Youth Group Session.

Immediately following the
morning worship a Pancake
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bring your friends.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Larry Thornton, Pastor

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Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-
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YMC JOIN TODAY

Friday, the 6th, there will be a Junior High School dance at South School, open only to Junior High students. Ties and jackets must be worn by the boys in order to enter the dance.

Friday night, the 6th, there will be a family night swim at the West Springfield YMCA building for Agawam families.

On Friday, Dec. 6th, Mario Sakellis, executive of the Agawam YMCA will attend a metropolitan staff training session. He will give a report to the staff on the 1968 YMCA yearbook which is published annually.

On Friday, Dec. 6th, there will be an Indian Guide meeting at the home of James Babcock.

On Monday, Dec. 9th, Mario Sakellis and Richard Hauff of the Indian Guides will attend a New England Area Indian Guide Longhouse meeting in Conn.

The annual Birthday Community Calendar Drive is now under way by the Agawam YMCA. Over 60 men and women are busy canvassing the community. The last day for orders on this year's calendar will be Dec. 9th. If you wish to order a calendar call the YMCA office.

The Agawam YMCA is now offering skiing and ski lessons for boys and girls who are interested in this sport. For further information on how to join call the Agawam YMCA.

W. Gentry . . .

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ficial entry form. Those opening new savings accounts or checking accounts—including the no-charge "West-Checks" checking account—will be given two opportunities to enter. The valuable array of merchandise to be given away will be prominently

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displayed in the new bank office until the drawing is held early in December.

Featured among the prizes are two Zenith portable color television sets and twelve Zenith table-model transistor radios.

The Western Bank has, in keeping with its philosophy of promoting economic and business growth within the communities it serves, staffed its new branch with residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills. They opened this branch with five full-time employees under the direction of Branch Manager, Warren Gentry.

This newest office of the Western Bank will serve the communities of Agawam, Feeding Hills, Southwick, Northern Connecticut, and all surrounding vicinities. Residents of any city or town, however, are warmly invited to

visit the bank any time during their opening celebrations and register for free gifts!

Junior Grange

Meeting Dec. 6

Community Junior Grange 105 will meet on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Grange Home at 2 o'clock. The business meeting will be conducted by Theresa Marquis, master, and the program is in charge of Richard Allen, lecturer.

At 2:30 Mr. Harold Willemain will speak on UFO, which promises to be an enlightening and exciting topic. This part of the program will be open, and parents and friends of the junior members are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served by Terry Marquis, Lissa Gibeault, and Susan Beshaw, assisted by Miss Carol Goodwin.

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Jr. Women's . . .

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hold a card party in her home on Monday, Dec. 9th to benefit the

CARE "Signs of Crisis" program. Anyone who wishes to attend is asked to contact Mrs. Mercadante.

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tions and roses.

Peter Cecchi, Jr., cousin of the bride, was best man. Guests were escorted by Albert Cecchi, also a cousin of the bride; Jack Kozynski and James Saccavino.

For their wedding trip the couple will travel to the West Coast where they will make their

home in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Garrison attended Westfield State College and received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Massachusetts where she also attended graduate school. She is a junior high school teacher. Her husband attended Southern Missouri State College and is with the U. S. Navy stationed aboard the USS Long Beach.

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December 9

through

December 13

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Orange juice, cheeseburgers, mustard, catsup, potato chips, buttered carrots, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, bread/butter, pineapple fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Elbow macaroni w/tomato, cheese and meat sauce, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, frankfurts on roll, mustard, relish, onions, garden salad w/tomatoes & spinach greens, peanut butter sandwich, walnut cake w/butter icing, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, Tuna salad sailboat, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, apple crisp, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, Sloppy Joe on bun, buttered carrots, fruit cup, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grinders, (sliced meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato), pickles, potato chips, apricot sauce w/snecherdoodle cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger on bun/cheese, buttered green beans, jelly sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday: Juice, turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread/butter, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Juice, Tuna fish salad, potato chips, tossed salad, pineapple chunks w/oatmeal cookie, bread and butter, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on roll, carrots, orange blossom cake, milk.

Tuesday: Elbow macaroni in meat sauce, beans, bread/butter, cheese wedge, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken soup w/rice and vegetables, meat or peanut butter sandwiches, carrot sticks, apple, cookies, milk.

Thursday: Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread/butter, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, Tuna fish salad sandwich, tossed salad, potato chips, cheese wedge, cookies, fruit, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Chicken noodle soup,

vegetables, 1/2 hardboiled egg, peanut butter sandwich, brownies, orange wedge, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, hamburger on buttered roll, relish, catsup, onion rings, cheese wedge, peas/carrots, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, Sloppy Joe on water roll, buttered green beans, frosted cake square, milk.

Thursday: Juice, turkey croquettes, buttered noodles, whole kernel corn, French bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Friday: Juice, Tuna fish sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, French fries, buttered carrots, cheese stick, Boston Cream pie, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Beef vegetable stew, carrot sticks, cheese muffins, bread/butter, grapefruit sections, milk.

Tuesday: Frankfurt on hot buttered roll, cole slaw w/grated carrots, peanut butter sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburg w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered peas, bread/butter, A & C fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Juice, spaghetti w/tomato meat sauce, buttered green beans, cheese cube, buttered Vienna bread, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, Tuna sail boat, kernel corn, potato chips, peanut butter sandwich, fruit, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Chicken vegetable soup, 1/2 hard boiled egg, peanut butter jelly sandwich, orange wedges, brownie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, meat ball grinder, cabbage carrot salad, peaches, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Wednesday: American Chop Suey, Carrot sticks, buttered green beans, bread/butter, candy bar, milk.

Thursday: Juice, grilled hamburger on buttered bun, relish, onions, buttered carrots, chocolate cake, milk.

Friday: Juice, baked fish sticks, mashed potatoes, tossed green salad, cheese sticks, bread/butter, apple, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Elbow macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, cabbage carrot salad, French bread/butter, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, hamburger on buttered roll (catsup), buttered corn, cheese sticks, chocolate cake w/butter frosting, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, pizza w/cheese sauce, beet salad, peanut butter sandwich, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Tomato soup (crackers), chicken salad sandwich, carrot celery sticks, apple, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday: Citrus fruit juice, grilled cheese sandwich, tossed green salad, potato chips, raisin cake w/sugar topping, milk.

SOUTH

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Tuesday: Baked lasagna w/meat sauce, A.B.C. salad, buttered Vienna bread, fruited citrus jello w/topping, milk.

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Named Agawam 'Y' Calendar Chairman



JOHN ADAMS, SR.

Paul Adams has been named chairman of the annual community birthday calendar drive by James Loomis, president of the Agawam YMCA. The following captains have been appointed: Jack Williams, George Bickford, Stella Gallerani, Barbara Cook, Brady Snyder and John Mikszewski.

This annual calendar drive is a service to the community and produces needed income for youth activities. If you are not contacted by the workers, you may place your order by calling the Agawam YMCA office at 108 Perry Lane, 733-9676. All orders must be in the office by Monday, Dec. 9th. For further information call the Agawam YMCA.

Here's an interesting account of an accident that appeared in an exchange last week: "The operator of the other car, charged with drunken driving, crashed into Miss Miller's rear end which was sticking out into the road."

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS.

December 2, 1968
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that Gino's Package Store, Inc., d/b/a Shopping Center Liquor Mart, Gino Rossi, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Retail Package Goods Store at 384 Walnut St., Ext., Agawam, in one room—ground level.
EDWARD W. CONNELLY
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Licensing Board
(Dec. 5)

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December 2, 1968
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Jr. Women's Club To Meet Dec. 10

The December meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10th at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 8:00 p. m. with Mrs. Herbert M. Carpenter presiding. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Arthur E. Hastings, hostess for the evening, will lead a Crazy Whist card game. An exchange of gifts among club members will take place during the evening.

Those who are donating gifts or food for our annual Christmas Project are asked to please bring them to the meeting.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The first game in a new series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held in the Agawam National Guard Armory last Wednesday evening. Door prize winners were Henry Cole, Beatrice Newton, Ray Willard and Marie Boulrice.

Mystery prizes were won by Florence Steere, Gladys Cortes and Fred Buckland. Ace prize winner for the ladies was Viola Thayer and Fred Buckland for the men.

The following received high score prizes, Ladies: 1st Sue McCarthy, 2nd Emma Dugas, 3rd Betty Allard, 4th Alma Racette; Men—1st James D. Cleary, 2nd Henry Cole, 3rd Nick Panaretas, 4th Howard Thayer.

The next card party will be held the same day. . . time. . . and place. . . see you there!

St. John's Bazaar General Chairman



MRS. DAVID C. GALLANO

St. John's . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

... ault, Miss Mary Fitzgerald, Mrs. Herbert Fuller, Mrs. Anthony Funtos, Mrs. John Glogowski, Mrs. George Metayer, Mrs. William Mezzetti, Mrs. Walter Milowski, Mrs. William Monahan, Mrs. Anthony Natale, Mrs. Claude Ouellette, Mrs. Bessie

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Christmas Party Supper and Dance to be held Saturday, Dec. 7, in St. Theresa's Hall, Bridge St., Agawam. Fred Durocher and Ernie Dumond are co-chairmen. Ticket Chairmen, Joe Mika, Bob Armstrong. Each person is asked to bring a \$1 gift for Santa's Bag. For tickets please contact members of the committee.

The children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 22,

mark it on your calendar.

It's finally happened, the Lodge is finally open at O'Brien's Corner, Feeding Hills. The hours are from 4 p.m. until midnight. The game room will be open also with a pool table, bowling alley, and cribbage board on hand. Keys will be available on Thursday evening. This is what we've been waiting for and we want to thank all those who gave their time to make it possible.

Pothias, Mrs. Peter Raschilla, Mrs. Carl Roberts, Mrs. Paul Ross, Mrs. Joseph Shea, Mrs. Francis Sloboda, Mrs. Raymond Spagnoli, Mrs. Robert Sullivan, Mrs. Lawrence Vedany and Mrs. Albert Veronesi. Publicity is being handled by Mrs. John Shea.

A Dutch Auction will be held from 7 to 9:30 in the evening in the school assembly hall. Many choice and beautiful articles will be featured. Following the Auction, drawings will be held for the special prizes of U. S. Savings Bonds. The public is cordially invited to attend this affair.



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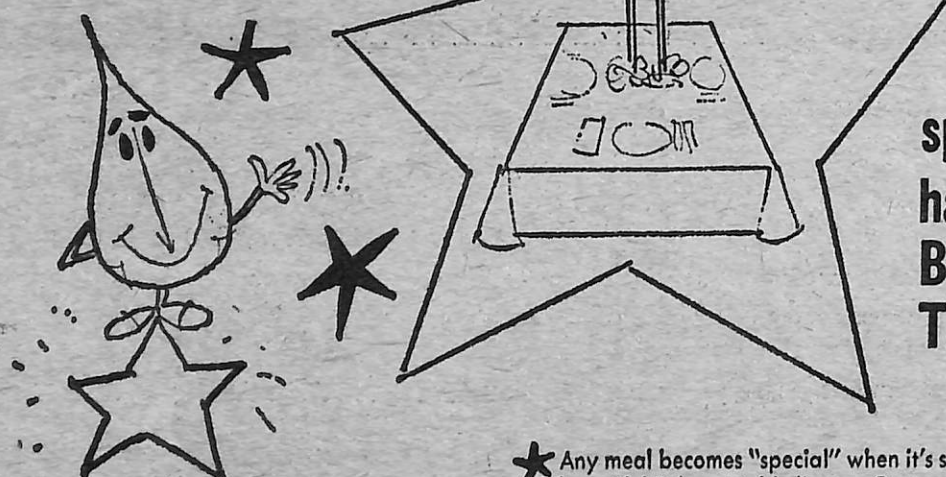
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By BILL CHIBA

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A reminder that Mass. fishing licenses and sport licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office. Licenses make a very good Christmas gift.

FEARS PARTIALLY JUSTIFIED

It is reassuring to see that some of the gun registration advocates are finally grasping a hint as to why sportsmen have feared gun laws all these years.

The most reassuring sign of this awakening has come from a leading N. Y. City newspaper, long a proponent of national gun registration and licensing. Like all advocates of gun laws, it saw little inconvenience or red tape for the sportsman in the city's

administering of the new registration law on shoulder arms. It would be as simple as registering automobiles. That's not the way it turned out. Apparently gun registration in N. Y. City is really a boondoggle, enough of a mess to prompt the following editorial comment from the N. Y. Times: "Unfortunately, the city has not done all that it could to simplify registration. Form FCB's instruction read as if they were written by a Faulknerian scholar. A half dozen pages have to be filled out, including notarized vouchers, certified checks and photographs. All this may be helpful for the records, but the paper work is ridiculously complex. Why should it be more difficult to register a rifle than an automobile."

Look at what's happening in New Haven, Conn. Pistol permit applicants must fill out 21 pages of information about themselves, despite an attorney general's opinion that such forms are not allowed. That's the kind of police power sportsmen fear.

How can an applicant accurately answer such questions as where he intends to use the firearm, how often he uses it, on which days of the week he uses it and during what hours.

Then he's faced with inquiries regarding his medical history, military service, educational background, employment records

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MAJOR BITGOOD RECEIVES COMMENDATION MEDAL

Ft. George G. Meade, Md. (AHTNC) — Army Major John J. Bitgood, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bitgood, 1010 Suffolk St., Agawam, received the Army Commendation Medal during ceremonies Oct. 30 here.

Major Bitgood received the award for meritorious service during his last assignment with the 199th Infantry Brigade in Vietnam.

The major, movements officer for Headquarters, First U. S. Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at the fort, entered the Army in—June 1967. He holds two awards of the Bronze Star Medal and the Com-

and residential history. An error means either rejection or delay. This is the type of harassment sportsmen have feared.

Unfortunately, those who advocate gun registration and view the sportsmen's fears as unfounded seem to disappear after their "model" laws have passed and the abuses begin. Thus, it is reassuring to sportsmen to have a newspaper such as the N. Y. Times take a look at the other side of the coin.

bat Infantryman Badge.

His wife, Kathryn, is with him at the fort. A 1957 graduate of Agawam High School, Major Bitgood received a B.V.A. degree



MAJOR JOHN T. BITGOOD

in 1961 from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass. He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at the university.

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EUGENE H. LUND
Director of Veterans Services



Thousands of disabled veterans — largely young veterans — are failing to take advantage of a valuable insurance opportunity, the Veterans Administration said today.

The VA said it gives disability ratings to some 7,000 veterans each month and each man is encouraged to apply for special low-cost RH insurance.

However, said the VA, currently only about 16% submit applications despite premiums so low that a 25-year-old veteran, for example, can start a \$10,000 insurance program for only \$2.60 a month.

RH National Service Life Insurance is available only to veterans separated from service after April 24, 1951, who have been rated by the VA as having a service-connected disability.

After the rating is established, VA insurance offices in Philadelphia or St. Paul inform each veteran that he is entitled to apply for low cost RH insurance.

Applications must be submitted within one year from the date the disability is established.

The VA emphasized that veterans who receive disability ratings may apply for RH insurance whether or not they converted their Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) to a private policy after they got out of military service.

Even if the veteran converted his SGLI policy, the VA encourages him — if he can afford to do so — to apply for the RH insurance.

RH and a converted SGLI pol-

icy offer disabled veterans an opportunity to carry \$20,000 insurance at standard premiums. Many could not qualify for other insurance or could do so only at increased premiums.

Disabled veterans are urged to get additional information from their local VA office as soon as possible after receiving a disability rating from the VA.

A legally appointed guardian or other person acting in a veteran's behalf may apply if the veteran is incompetent.

MAY PEACE BE YOURS . . .

It has been said that there are six kinds of peace, and that he who is given all of these will never want for anything else — not for health nor wealth, for love, for contentment, for beauty, for friends. The six kinds of peace are: The peace that comes from good-will between nations; the peace that comes when neighbors help each other; the peace

that exists within his family; the peace that exists between himself and God; and finally, peace with himself.

To all our many friends — may such peace be yours throughout the coming year, with an added measure of joy to make this holiday season the brightest and happiest ever.

Jr. Women To Show Children's Film Sat.

A full feature color cartoon with delightful songs and an enchanting and amusing story based on the Hans Christian Andersen fable will be shown at the Agawam Junior High School on Saturday, Dec. 7th. The story of a little girl whose love for her friend overcomes the evil power of the Snow Queen is narrated by Art Linkletter.

This is the fourth children's film to be shown by the Agawam Junior Women's Club in an attempt to provide the children of Agawam with suitable and acceptable films.

Tickets will be sold at the door at 1 p. m. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult. The film will begin at 1:30 p. m. and will run until 3 p. m. Admission is fifty-cents.

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My Beat — A.H.S.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Have you ever seen the Agawam High faculty on "Laugh-In"? No? ? ? Well, here's your chance. The AHS Faculty Frolics will be held tomorrow night at 8. For your donation of one dollar, you will be entertained all night by the "hams," the natural-born clowns, and the "new-comers" to show business.

Have some fun. See the AHS teachers perform on stage.

Book Fair

Read the classics, the comics, and the best sellers. All of these plus many other books will be on sale next week at the annual Library Book Fair. Hundreds of books of varied interest will be available for students, faculty, and anyone else who is interested. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the AHS library fund for the purchase of new books.

Kid Party

The Seniors will get their chance to be "little kids" again at the Senior Kid Party on Dec. 21. Plans are being made by the senior class officers to make this

affair successful.

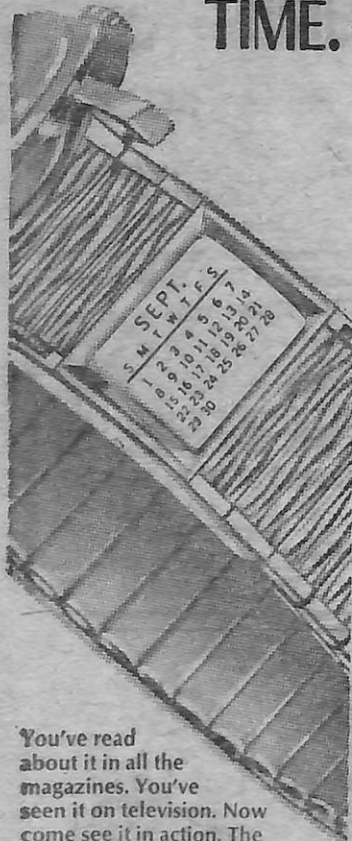
COMING EVENTS: Senior Achievement tests this Saturday . . . FTA members will visit schools next month. . . Yearbook production in progress.

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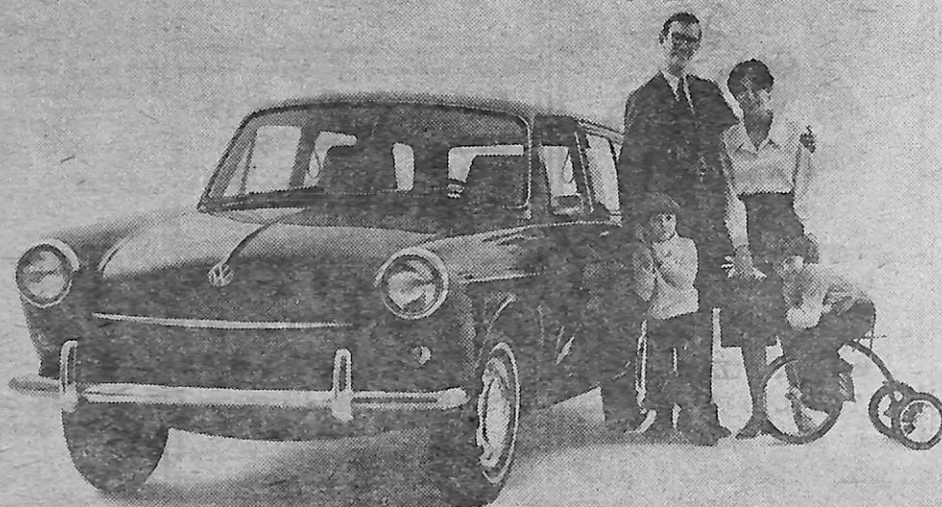
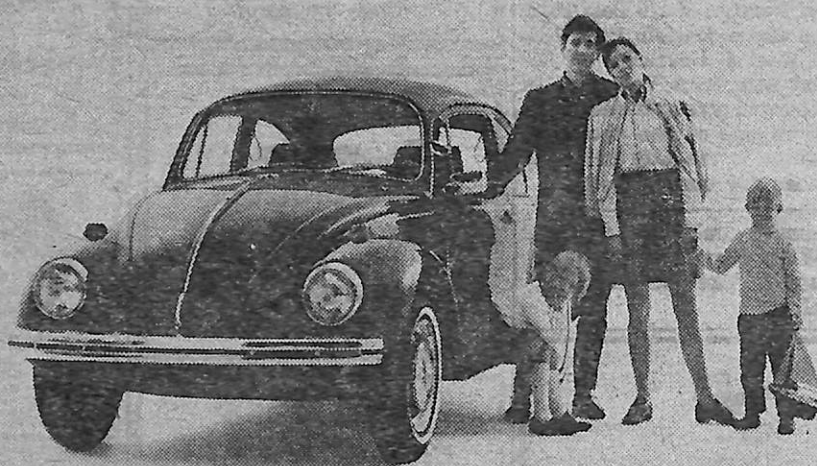
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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSENETTE

In the Nov. 14th issue — two corrections PLEASE. Hospital Chairman for Post is Toimi Tammi. He said, \$100 was donated to the Massachusetts Cottage at Eaton Rapids, NOT Monson's Hospital as previously written. As we were all discussing Leeds and Monsons, it was easy to make such a mistake. Past Comdr. Tammi announced Dec. 12, as the Bingo night to be held jointly with Southwick Post at Leeds Hospital. Can you help? AND remember refreshments are always needed.

BRING THE KIDS

At the Nov. 25th meeting, Chairmen Ed Netkovich and Katy Dickinson of the Children's Christmas Party announced these facts:

Party will be Dec. 15th starting at 2 p.m. at the Agawam Motor Lodge Hall, Suffield St. Children up to and including 12 years of age are welcomed to attend and meet Santa Claus and receive gifts.

Katy Dickinson and President Emily Dias are calling all members, asking them to submit name, age and sex of child so that a suitable gift will be ready. IF your children are going to be present PLEASE notify us by telephone or writing as soon as possible. DON'T disappoint your family—DO IT NOW.

The committee will serve refreshments and provide entertainment. Roland Ruelle is donating the tree with Katy Dickinson, Emily Dias, P. C. Dick Adelman, Orville Burt, Anna and Bib Bissonnette helping in all phases of the affair. This promises to be an unforgettable day for your youngsters. See you there?

SAVE A DATE

Dec. 9—7 p.m. Christmas Party committee meeting.

Dec. 13 — Sale of Christmas items at the Post Home, South St., Agawam, Chairman Netkovich wishes all friends and members to purchase their decorations this time as the proceeds are for the Children's Party. Won't you come down and pick up some originals? You need not be a member of the Post or Auxiliary but just have your heart in the right place.

Dec. 21—Adult Christmas Party, Post Home. Bring \$1 gift exchange.

BIRTHDAYS — LITTLE BITS
Happy Birthday to the whole Hayes Family in December: Billy on Dec. 10; 15th, Anna D. Bis-

sonnette; Dec. 21—Cathy Hayes and Dec. 28th, Jim Hayes.

Beulah, wife of Gus Hocker won \$400 from the Dazzler Puzzle Contest. Smart Gal . . . Thanksgiving Day saw the Hayes, Hockers and Bissonnettes as guests of Comdr. and Mrs. Harpin. Past Comdr. and Mrs. Dickinson were guests of the Earl Newmans of Meadow St.

OPEN LETTER TO VETERANS

Many years have gone by since World War One, yes, since World War Two and even quite a few since the Korean Conflict, now there's the war in Vietnam. As the years go flying past, the need of the United States of American Veteran is greater than ever. This calls for unification of veterans all the more. Let us concentrate our efforts toward this goal. Why don't you join one of the Veteran's organizations today? Namely the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632, the American Legion Post 185, World War I Barracks or the Disabled American Veterans. In unity there is strength and membership in one of the above organizations is the way to a better future for our veterans.

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